



The Pennsylvania State Council  
State Convention at the Kalahari  
Manor, PA on May 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

Knights of Columbus met for their 119<sup>th</sup>  
Resort and Conference Center in Pocono

A memorial mass honoring deceased members of the Councils in the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania was concelebrated by the State Chaplain, Rev. Lawrence W. Sherdel and Former State Chaplain Rev. Stanley Swacha on Friday evening.

The convention proceedings opened on Friday evening with a prayer from State Chaplain Rev. Lawrence W. Sherdel. State Deputy Charles Vagnarelli announced that Supreme Advocate John Marrella and his wife Amey would be our guests for the length of the convention representing Supreme Council. The State Deputy also assigned chairmen and members to the Credentials, Election, Steering, Resolution and Press Committees.

The next order of business was the nomination of delegates and alternate delegates to the Supreme Convention to be held in St. Louis, MO August 1-3, 2017. The delegates that were nominated were:

Joseph Paoletti, Leonard Weckel, Kenneth Rettger, Paul Sharum, James Maochi, Theodore Zajac, Tony Zawadski, and David Roessler II. Seven are insurance members.

The following alternate delegates were nominated:

Gary Novinskis, Albert Bryson, John Bingham, David Woods, Andrew Bacha, Tom Pierson and Donald Stahl. Five are insurance members.

Reports from the Chapters were then given.

The proceedings opened on Saturday with a video from our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson.

Reports were given by the State Deputy Charles Vagnarelli, State Secretary Paul Sharum, State Treasurer Jeff Blaze, State Advocate Mike Kish, State Warden Frank Rozzo, and Immediate Past State Deputy Stanley Glowaski.

Supreme Advocate John Marrella spoke about what the Knights do and Charity is the basis of our work.

State Membership Director Ted Zajac and State Program Director Tom Hathaway gave their reports.

State Program Chairman Reports followed.

Jim Kearney from the Knights of Columbus Agency Department gave a report for the Field Agents. Jack Mitchell presented the PA Insurance Agent of the Year Award to Jon Deakin who was the top selling agent in Pennsylvania.

State Chief Squire Nicholas Bratina gave an update on the activities of the Squires in Pennsylvania.

State Advocate Mike Kish read the resolutions that were submitted to the Resolutions Committee and all agreed with the Committee's recommendations for Acceptance or Rejection.

The convention mass was celebrated by Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton. State Chaplain Lawrence Sherdel and Former State Chaplain Stanley Swacha were the concelebrants.

At the convention banquet on Saturday evening the family of the year was announced. The family of the year was announced by the Family of the Year Chairman John Cocco. The Family of the Year for 2017 is James and Susan Banks. James is a Past Grand Knight of St. Theresa of Calcutta Council 15456 in Limerick, PA. They have 4 children – 1 son and 3 daughters.

Senator Mario Scavella spoke at the convention banquet about current issues going on in the State of Pennsylvania.

Sunday's proceedings opened with the presentation of the ARC Awards. The Winners of the 2017 State Scholarship were announced. They are:

1. Allentown Diocese – Lauren Marie Schuster
2. Altoona/Johnstown Diocese – Ruth Marie Dangelo
3. Erie Diocese – Ashley Nicole Stauffer
4. Greensburg Diocese – Jacob M. Schwab
5. Harrisburg Diocese – Bryce Daniel Floyd
6. Scranton Diocese – Devin Patrick Natishyn
7. Philadelphia Diocese – Peter Vincent Sagona and Kasey Rose Dunleavy
8. Pittsburgh Diocese – Zane Czolba Latess and Adam M. Szalay

The 2017 PA State Service Awards were presented to the following Councils:

- **Community:**
  - Division 1 Bishop William Connare #15373
  - Division 2 Fr. Joseph P. Newell #11838
  - Division 3 Plymouth #984
  - Division 4 St. John the Baptist #8891
- **Pro-Life:**
  - Division 1 Bishop William Connare #15373
  - Division 2 Fr. Joseph P. Newell #11838
  - Division 3 Our Lady of the Sacred Heart #4282
  - Division 4 St. John the Baptist #8891
- **FAMILY:**

- Division 1 Bishop William Connare #15373
- Division 2 Saint Benedict #14654
- Division 3 Saint Elizabeth #13141
- Division 4 Duquesne-West Mifflin #4210
- **Public Relations:**
  - Division 1 Saint Francis DeSales #15778
  - Division 2 Fr. Joseph P. Newell #11838
  - Division 3 Saint Elizabeth # 13141
  - Division 4 St. John the Baptist #8891
- **Church:**
  - Division 1 Our Lady of the Broadtop #`6238
  - Division 2 Fr. Joseph P. Newell #11838
  - Division 3 Bentleyville #5826
  - Division 4 St. John the Baptist #8891
- **Youth:**
  - Division 1 Bishop William Connare #15373
  - Division 2 Saint Benedict #14654
  - Division 3 Washington #1083
  - Division 4 St. John the Baptist #8891
- **Council:**
  - Division 1 Bishop William Connare #15373
  - Division 2 Fr. Joseph P. Newell #11838
  - Division 3 Bentleyville #5826
  - Division 4 St. John the Baptist #8891

The 2017 Supreme Service Awards were presented to the following Councils:

- Community Washington #1083
- Pro-Life Washington #1083
- Family Rev. William Fenerty #7208
- Church Fr. Byron O'Hanlon #4678
- Youth Washington #1083
- Council Washington #1083

The following knights were nominated and elected for the PA State Council Officer' s positions for the next fraternal year – 2017-2018.

- State Warden Frank J. Rozzo
- State Advocate Michael J. Kish
- State Treasurer Jeffrey C. Blaze
- State Secretary Paul J. Sharum
- State Deputy Charles J. Vagnarelli

An additional alternate delegate was nominated . He is Ed Masters and he is an insurance member.

The delegates and alternate delegates to the 2017 Supreme Convention that were nominated - were elected on Sunday, May 21, 2016.

The 2018 PA Knights of Columbus State Council Convention will be held at the Harrisburg Hilton on May 4- May 6 2018.

Many thanks to the Northeast Region for a great convention!

Thanks to my committee composed of Len Weckel and Geoff Crowe for all their help!

I'd like to thank the State Deputy for the opportunity to serve in the Jurisdiction of PA.

Faithfully Submitted,

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